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## General Manager's Update

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We had a great start to our next EmpowerLA Board Development series last Saturday on effective advocacy with our partners for the East Los Angeles workshop, Councilmember Reyes and the City Clerk. Councilmember Reyes' Outreach Director, Tony Perez, gave a very powerful and helpful presentation on how to work with the City Council Committees. Then I ran over to catch the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils' Mayoral and Controller Candidate Forum. Nearly 200 people and 25 of the 34 Valley Neighborhood Councils were in attendance with great questions moderated by a very entertaining Dan Schnur.

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioner's Plan Review Committees tackled elections, boundary adjustments and subdivision this week. I am constantly amazed by the dedication of our Neighborhood Council leaders in their volunteer efforts to improve the system through careful analysis and discussion of the existing Plan language. It's really quite wonderful to be working with such folks.

Councilmember Buscaino took some time out of his busy schedule to talk Neighborhood Councils with me on Wednesday. He is known as the YouTube



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Meeting**

**Sat, March 2  
10am-1pm**

Councilmember with his weekly posted updates, and we swapped some outreach ideas, which is important with Neighborhood Council elections just a year away. Elections will be here in a few blinks of an eye so start thinking about your election elements - candidate recruitment, outreach, bylaws and budget.

Speaking of budgets, please make sure your council is on track to spend down your funds and that your reconciliation reports are current. You'll be receiving a letter from us if they aren't. We'd hate to freeze funds right before the end of the fiscal year so please let us know if you need help with getting your reports in. Thanks for helping us keep public funds spending transparent.

I'll see you at the LANCC on Saturday. Don't forget to [vote on March 5th!](#)

Best,



Grayce Liu,  
General Manager  
Department of Neighborhood  
Empowerment

***Empower Yourself.  
Empower Your Community.  
Empower LA.***

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## You Complete Me!

Rampart Neighborhood Council's President, David Rockello, proudly reports that his Neighborhood Council is complete! Rockello says that for the first time since its certification, every board seat is filled, every boardmember is current with their ethics

**Hollywood  
Constituent Center  
6501 Fountain Ave  
Hollywood, 90038**

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**Board of  
Neighborhood  
Commissioners  
Special Meeting**

**Mon, March 4  
6-9:30pm**

**Hollywood Adventist  
Church  
1711 N Van Ness Ave  
Hollywood 90028**

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**Ethics & Open  
Government  
Training**

**Mon, March 4  
6-9pm**

**Council District 10  
Office 1819 S  
Western Ave  
LA 90016**

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**North South  
Valley NC Plan  
Committee**

**Mon, March 4  
6:30-9:30pm**

**Marvin Braude**

certification, and all three citywide reps are active. Congratulations to the Rampart Neighborhood Council for their commitment and their passion for serving their community and their city! If you'd like to check the status of your Neighborhood Council, visit...

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## VANC hosts Citywide Candidates Forum

With about two weeks left before the March 5 election, the campaign turned from nasty to nice Saturday at the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils mayoral debate. It was the second event on the bill at Los Angeles Valley College. The undercard featured city controller candidates Cary Brazeman, Ron Galperin, and Dennis Zine taking shots at each other, with Zine fending off most of the punches...

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## L.A. City Votes!

The essence of Democracy is the right to participate in the process and on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, Angelenos will have the opportunity to speak up, at the polls, and to vote in the primary elections that will determine who leads the City of Los Angeles as Mayor, as City Controller, as City Attorney, and as City Councilmember for Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15. The decisions that the people...

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## EmpowerLA co-hosts a Town Hall Meeting to discuss LA's Economic

**Constituent Service  
Center - First Floor,  
Community Room  
6262 Van Nuys Blvd  
Van Nuys 91401**

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**Canceled  
Board of  
Neighborhood  
Commissioners  
Regular Meeting**

**Tue, March 5**

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**ELECTION DAY!!!!**

**MARCH 5**

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**Economic  
Development  
Initiative Town  
Hall**

**Wed, March 6  
7-8pm**

**LA City Hall - Public  
Works Board Room  
200 North Spring St  
LA 90012**

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**Harbor Alliance of  
Neighborhood  
Council Meeting**

**Wed, March 6**

## Development Initiative

On Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00 pm, EmpowerLA will co-host a discussion regarding the City's new Economic Development Initiative (EDI), Council File #08-3050, in City Hall's Public Works Board Room. City of Los Angeles Chief Legislative Analyst Gerry F. Miller and City Administrative Officer Miguel A. Santana will offer...

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## Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils invites you to their 10th Anniversary Mixer

VANC 10th Anniversary Mixer at CBS Studios, Studio City!! Please encourage your Board members to attend. We want every Neighborhood Council in the Valley to be represented. You MUST RSVP. Names will be at the studio gate. Deadline to RSVP is March 8...

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## LAX Embraces Change

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) wants input on how it can improve Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and is asking Neighborhood Council boardmembers and stakeholders to help by participating in the Specific Plan Amendment Study (SPAS) process...

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6:30-9:30pm

**Kaiser Permanente  
Way - Harbor City  
Community Outreach  
Portables  
25965 Normandie  
Ave  
Harbor City 90710**

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### PlanCheckNC Meeting

Sat, March 9  
10am-1pm

**The Community  
Exchange  
114 W. 5th St  
LA 90013**

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### Council File Hot Sheet

Here are some active  
Council Files that affect  
Neighborhood Councils  
citywide, which your  
Neighborhood Council may  
want to weigh in on:

[11-1531 Single-Use](#)

## Funding Update 3.1.13

The Department is issuing letters today to Neighborhood Councils with outstanding reconciliation reports. Pursuant to the Treasurer Handbook "The entire Neighborhood Council (NC) Board shares the fiduciary responsibility for the use of its funds; including auditing, managing and reconciling its records. All financial transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Board in a public meeting and shall be in compliance with all Department policies and procedures." NC's will be given until...

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## Budget Challenge Deadline is March 4th!

The deadline for taking the online Budget Challenge is March 4th. Take it now before it closes. Then attend Regional Budget Day on Saturday, March 16th at 8:00 am - 12:30 pm when the Mayor's Office unveils the results. NEW for this year: We are taking Regional Budget Day into the regions! The four locations include...

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## News from Field Operations 3.1.13

### [Carryout Bags / City Policy](#)

[11-1912-S1 2012  
Neighborhood Council  
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Administration](#)

[12-0600-S171 City at  
Crossroads: Crisis  
Management or Stability  
and Reinvestment?](#)

[08 3050 Establishment of  
Economic Development  
Department](#)

[1300-S5 Medical Marijuana  
/ Limited Immunity  
Ordinance / Ballot  
Resolutions and Ordinance](#)

[1300-S6 Constitutional  
Amendment / Limiting  
Campaign Spending and  
Rights of Corporations /  
Ballot Resolutions and  
Ordinance / May 2013  
Election](#)

[11-0923 Art Murals  
Citywide Program / Mural  
Ordinance](#)

[1300-S2 Medical Marijuana  
Collectives \(MMI\) /  
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[City Clerk's Referral  
Memoranda](#)

[12-1321 Prohibitions Against  
Felons and Sex Offenders /  
Elected and Appointed  
Officials / City Regulations](#)

We are happy to report that we had very good attendance at the Ethics Open Government Training Session this past Thursday 2/21/13 in the Valley. Approximately 75 people attended the session which means there are more Neighborhood Council members in the system that have taken care of this very important requirement. Please be reminded that since all of the Neighborhood Councils are structured differently, some bylaws may prohibit board members from...

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## Sanitation goes on the Road

The City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation (Sanitation) is proposing adopt and implement a City ordinance to establish and implement a City-wide exclusive franchise system for municipal solid waste collection and handling services for large multi-family residential units (5 units or more), commercial, industrial, and...

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## Hollywood invites you to "Be Prepared!"

One of LA's most popular and entertaining firefighters is conducting two different training sessions for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about...

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**13-1300-S1 \$3 Billion Street  
Repair Bond Measure**

**13-1100-S6 Sales Tax  
Measure for March 5, 2013  
Ballot**

**11-0600-S59 Neighborhood  
Empowerment and City  
Attorney Report Back for  
Factual Basis Stakeholder  
Definition**

**10-1797-S7 - Waste-Sheds  
Establishment/Exclusive  
Franchise Waste Collection  
Agreement**

**12-1681 - Neighborhood  
Council Subdivision**

**12-1682 - Limiting Factual  
Basis Stakeholders to a  
Maximum of 2  
Neighborhood Council  
Board Seats**

**11-0262 - State Licensed  
Facilities/Community Care  
Facilities**



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